

# United States Senate

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Ms. Kathleen Ott  
Director, Congressional Relations Office  
Library of Congress  
101 Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20540-0001

Dear Ms. Ott:

I am reaching out to you on behalf of Mr. David Bromberg and Mrs. Nancy Josephson (601 North Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801) regarding the transfer agreement of their American Violin Collection to the Library of Congress (Library) valued at 3.8 million. I thank you for your prompt and thorough review of this matter.

According to Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson, the current contract, which ends April 30, 2018, has been delayed in moving forward, thus, halting the final arrangements to transfer the violin collection. Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson, in light of the delay, have asked for an extension of the initial transfer agreement or a written agreement specifying that the Library will accept the collection as a donation in the near future. Both would be willing to discuss the possibility of initiating a campaign with a nonprofit whose mission is aligned with keeping the collection preserved together. The transfer, in this case, would be after the contract runs out on April 30, 2018.

I want to express my continued support of the efforts of Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson in their endeavor to bring to the Library the American Violin Collection, a collection that speaks to the rich musical history of our country.

I have asked [REDACTED] a member of my staff, to look into this matter on behalf of Mr. Bromberg and Mrs. Josephson. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter; I look forward to your response.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senator